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PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Christopher A. Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, announced today the indictment of ROBERT CARL WILSON, age 28, of Bedford, Indiana. WILSON is charged with multiple child pornography offenses. The indictment was returned on April 5, 2005 after an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Lawrence County Police Department, and the High Tech Investigative Unit of the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.

The indictment charges WILSON with one count of possessing compact disks containing child pornography on or about February 4, 2004, one count of possessing a computer containing child pornography on or about January 28, 2004, and one count of making a false statement to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on or about February 14, 2004.

The child pornography involved in both counts is alleged to have been produced through the use of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and the material was allegedly a visual depiction of such conduct.

“This investigation and indictment,” said Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney, “is the result of the ongoing cooperative effort by the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the Department of Justice, federal law enforcement agencies, and local law enforcement agencies to find and prosecute those individuals who use and exploit our children.”

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven DeBrotta and Trial Attorney Michelle Morgan-Kelly of the Department of Justice, who are handling the WILSON prosecution for the United States, WILSON could be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of up to 20 years for each count of possessing child pornography under the circumstances of this case. WILSON is currently serving an eight-year term in an Indiana state prison after pleading guilty to child molestation charges.

The maximum penalty for the charge of making a false statement is 5 years. In addition, the child pornography charges carry a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment for up to the life of the defendant and a potential fine of up to \$250,000. The government is also seeking the forfeiture of the child pornography and related computer equipment.

The charges contained in these indictments are allegations only and WILSON is presumed innocent until convicted at trial or by plea.